

I am sending this form letter to you because it reflects my beliefs on this important matter. Sinclair is broadcasting a one-sided unbalanced program that was written to smear Kerry and benefit President Bush. It is clearly a partisan effort by Sinclair to influence the election and constitutes a clear and deliberate misuse of the public airwaves. It is unethical and if not illegal it should be. Such behavior demonstrates a reckless disregard for the proper use of the airwaves and a conscious desire to misuse the airwaves for a personal agenda. I am personally appalled and disgusted.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.